THAT BASHFUL BLINKER.

EY W. J. SAMPTON

fortune is that you are too pretty,

She had been suspicious for a long

He coughed nervously, nneasily.

he was now saying he did not know

wife sometimes differs with him on

At one blow all her castles were

True, he had never said anything

trese hopes, a thousand wordless wit-

Now thus in the very midst of the

for him, and that she loved to do be-

"Yes?" she responded to his state-

"Yes, Miss Prince," he said, with no

"By all means, Mr. Blinker," she

wife. At least such a wife as you de-

serve," and in spite of herself there

was something soft in her tone that

Mr. Blinker noticed it, too, but he

"Good for you, Miss Prince," he

She shrank as if she had been

"Thank you, Mr. Blinker," she said,

"Now, if you please, we will go on

It had seemed as if a lifetime had

past since she had written the last

word, and as she bent down over it, as

if the better see what it was, a tear fell

This Mr. Blinker also observed, but

said nothing, seeming to enjoy it.
"Before we do, Miss Prince," he

said. "may I ask a favor at your hands

"What is it? Yes," she answered

"That, if this woman whom I an

For an instant the girl looked at

soon to ask formally to be my wife,'

he said, "should refuse me, that you

Mr. Blinker braced himself.

she did not want to be there.

touched with a hot iron.

of sense."

with our work.

upon the line.

-a promise?"

didn't stop to comment upon it.

to the seaports.

ning of its powers.

matter to replace the shanty.

A more potent reason is the protec-

Were all the business concentrated in

blown up and there were some fatali-

ties among the workmen.

three-score of wooden buildings, one-

Married!

"I know that," he admitted, "but

how he was ever going to finish.

OW pretty she was as he went on evasively. "There are ly fingers dancing on which can scarcely be classed as faults. the keyboard of her In your case, Miss Prince, your mistypewriter. I think in the time and Mr. Blinker actually tucked his to come when this head to one side and simpered at her. shall have become the

classic period for the time, as most women are when they future centuries, as the ancient Greek have their wits about them under ciris the classic for us of this time, that cumstances similar to those surroundinstead of the maiden with the distaft ing Miss Prince and Mr. Blinker, and as we have, they will have the maiden she almost smiled through the mist at the typewriter, as one of the beau- that was gathering in her eyes. tiful figures that makeart everlasting. "You have always said, Mr. Blink-Her eyes were so blue, her checks

Her eyes were so blue, her checks er," she pleaded, "that you liked to were so pink, and truly, her hair must see pretty things in your office." have been transplanted from the banks of the Pactolus whose shifting sands How many things he had said to her were crystals of pure gold. he did not know. How many more he

The man sat near her dictating a wanted to say he did not know. What

On the window pane next to the street were the words "Hurford, Blinker & Co., Brokers," and the man dictating was the Blinker of the firm.

And what a man was Blinker-Haverbill Blinker. A bachelor of what may seem to the world at large forty years' experience, a business to be quite trivial points." man of large and increasing wealth, a calculating speculator, a good all 'round fellow, and among women the thrown to the earth, with not so much a stranger could stand in the very cenfulness. To see him bow and smile to had over been other than crumbling and at a lady when meeting her would ruins. have led the most critical to say he was a courtier of courtiers, but if it definitely to her, but there is so much became necessary for him to go be- more in what is never said, and daily youd the bowing and smiling limit, out of the unspoken affinity which life had no further charms for Haver- surely existed between these two conhill Blinker. Strange to say, too, he genial people the more foolish woman was not always conscious of his weak- had constructed such hopes as women ness, and there were times when he cherish to the end of time. That he really thought he was quite a ladies' had thought enough of her to warrant

When he recovered from one of pesses testified. these latter attacks he was always surrounded by a large circle of sympa- work that he had given to her to do thizing friends (male).

Until within six months he had cause it was for him, the blow fell. never been able to persuade himself that the real and only way to accustom ment in the faint pathetic questionhimself to the use of a woman's society ing that fills a woman's voice when was to employ a "lady typewriter," she is thus called upon to face her and then he did it because a relative heart's doom, and her hands unconof his, his nunt, in fact, in a neigh- sciously sought to go on with her boring town, had asked him as a spec- work. ial favor to help the daughter of an old school friend of hers, it sore dis- sound of sympathy in his voice, "and tress, who was quite a skilled stenog- I am pretty sure my wife will not per-

It was entirely beyond the compre-hensibility of Mr. Blinker's aunt that again, "as my pretty typewriter."

know

Woma

month by transporter was out when the erer musicred up a called about it o closs, and the office propose in her remaining for a few minutes until her mind that the lady was a widow, the reason of the factory being 10- site to Mr. Blinker should return, she sat and had used the traditional wiles of cated there. A brauch railroad rans hands to do but run. down near the window and waited, the widow on the unsuspecting and into the property connecting with the never once noting the fact that the bashful Mr, Blinker. office boy and the clerk were each putting in every moment of his spare said coldly, "gain the wife. The time watching her and wondering world is full of typewriters, but it is what the mischief business an angel not every day that a man can get a

right from heaven had with Mr. Blinker. When Mr. Blinker finally appeared, and the office boy and the clerk collapsed, he hadn't the least idea who she was, and his heart began to pound so on the inside of him that he thought it was the janutor turning on laughed. "I knew you were a woman more steam and shaking up the radiators in the office and halls. It was the very first time he had ever seen a woman in his office, and the experience was so entirely novel that for an in-

stant he was speechless. "Is this Mr. Blinker?" she inquired, rising to meet him as he came hesitatingly toward her,

"Yes'm," responded Mr. Blinker. as if he were a schoolboy about to be licked for pasting a wet wad on the wall. "May I inquire to what I am indebted for the honor of this visit,

Blinker would no more have made such an egregiously silly and stilted speech as that to a man than he would have tried to have told the truth in Chicago, but this was a woman, and Blinker was not responsible. "Your sant," said the visitor, with will marry me."

a roguish twinkle in her eye, but Blinker didn't see it any more than he him, then she rose to her feet, her eyes saw profit in honest politics.

fairly blazing. Mr. Blinker saw that the tigress was '1-I-beg your pardon, ma'am,' about to spring, and he was frighthe stammered. The very idea of his saying "Ma'am," ened.

means in his knowledge, he had at last

Therefore he stopped in the midst

"I am very sorry, Miss Prince," he

wanted to get through with the dis-

"I do not want to go at all until I

determined to do this.

typewriter.

for this,"

"Wait, stop!" he exclaimed, holdto a girl like that l . It would have been criminal if Mr. Blinker had been ing up his hands as if to shield himself from the blow. "Hold on till I tell you who the woman is. It's you, Miss Then she told him who she was, and the way Mr. Blinker began to assume Prince—you—you -you! Won't you airs and strut around as if he were a marry me? Will you be my wife? migh y potentate with a lot of sub- Haven't you always known I didn't jects was as funny as it could be.

care a cent for any woman on earth but Now she had been with him six you? Ruth, darling, don't look at mouths, and he sat near her dictating | me like that!" Mr. Blinker was going all to pieces mentally and emotionally, and the In the midst of it he stopped short.

He had been tempted to do this young woman took pity on him, for it dawned upon her all at once that the many times before. He had studied more bashful a bachelor is the more the matter thoroughly, as he thought, ridiculous he is in love, and the only and having considered it in every way to prevent a tender emotion from light and having deliberated upon it becoming ludierous is to accept it on for many days, and having tried to ac-

complish the desired result by every the spot. Which she did, and Mr. Blinker never had another pretty typewriter. -New York Sun.

Houses of the Stone Age.

began, quite abruptly, and as if he On St. Kilda's Island, which lies in agreeable task in a hurry, "but I am afreid I shall have to lose you as my been discovered, with a number of She clutched suddenly at the sides There are only seventy-one inhabitants Another is that no iron or steel pegs can of the machine as if to support herextent. The minister is at the same are permissible, because they are safe. "W-w-why," she stammered with time the doctor and the school teacher. grivering lips, "why, Mr. Blinter, what have I done that I should be He sails to the mainland once a year to shop for the whole island. -Sciendischarged without warning?"
"But I'm giving you warning," he tific American. said, half with bravado, half with "pology. "You don't have to go right

Don't Like Poorhouses,

There is such a deep rooted dislike know why I am going," she argued. among paupers in Ireland to enter the This is all I have in the world, and I workhouse that in the county of Anpersons in six workhouses that have special men to see that the precan-ounces, as compared with 2,277,681 am entitled to know why I am unfitted trim, for instance, there are only 1000 "Ob, it isn't your fault, exactly," room for 5000.

DYNAMITE-MAKERS EAGER TO

OBEY ALL SAFETY RULES.

she sat with her chape- such things, you know, as misfortunes, Making and Mixing the Terrible Explosive-20,000 Pounds Turned Out Daily-Shanties in Jersey Wilderness.

> ECENTLY the Cuban Junta, located in this city, placed a large order for dynamite, variously estimated at from 50,000 to 500,000 pounds, says a New-York correspondent. It was probably nearer the former than the latter figure, but even if it was the minimum amount, it would be sufficient to tear some pretty big holes in the Spanish ranks, if properly applied.

The concern that secured this order has made lots of dynamite for the Cubans in the past twenty months; it also supplies the needs of Uncle Sam whenever he is in want of anything in this line. For a long time it was kept sometimes, you know, my dear Miss busy turning out 20,000 pounds of the Prince, a man cannot always have stuff a day for the contractors at work

space. But it is just the reverse, and ery. very prototype and synonym of bash- as a corner standing to show that they | tre of the dynamite factory and not recognize it as such.

Dynamite is a peculiar commodity, and it is manufactured under peculiar, help to make dynamite what it is. conditions. Uncertainty is the ruling thing about dynamite, and this dominating feature permeates the whole mite gelatine. The product of the establishment. The factory is located cook is nitro-glycerine. Many acids at Gibbstown, N. J., a place so small, are poured into a big leaden tub, the and in a section of the State so sparsely settled that the outside world would never have heard of its existence, perhaps, were it not for the dynamite.

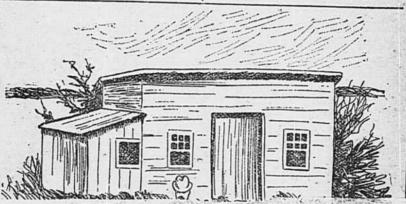
A FACTORY OF FEAR. workman is a spy upon his neighbors, for he knows that his safety depends quite as much upon the others as



Dynamite is principally a mixture He was also the Hurford and the Co., what he wants. As long as I was a on the Chicago canal. In a year it boxwood sawdust. There are a good seeing that he had bought out every-bachelor, Miss Prince, I could do as I turns out enough of the explosives to almost blow the earth into smither-its composition, and before it takes almost blow the earth into smitherits composition, and before it takes ever she was permitted to talk, was to come back and make the cash the shape of the finished cartridge it strangely incoherent and meaningless. It would seem that a concern which passes through a variety of hands. does all this would be an imposing There is one thing that the dynamite affair, with a factory, or series of fac- worker is thankful for, and that is his tories, with numberless acres of ficor job will never be usurped by machin-

> Nearly a dozen of the shanties are chemical houses. They are called "safety buildings" and are used for the storage of the many acids which

One of the initiatory stages of the cartridges is "cooking" of the dynamost conspicuous feature of which is a thermometer like a bawk, and chilled water is added from time to time to keep the temperature of the mixture



swamp land and is nothing more than material, principally sawdust.

thousands of pounds of dynamite are preliminary of a big disaster. In this

always lying around. Commercial room the cartridges are packed for

prudence accounts for the cheap and shipment. The women in the factory

scattering look of the factory. Ex- are employed in a little house given

perience has taught the owners that a over to making the paper caps for the

single big building would be a rash cartridges. As there is no danger

enterprise. Explosions occur once in about this work, machinery is em-

a while no matter how carefully they ployed to some extent, and as a result

tion it affords to the work people. never maintained. The dynamite is

are guarded against, and it is an easy only a dozen women are employed.

MIRROR SPEECH.

NEW MENTAL MALADY WHICH ATTACKS SOME PEOPLE.

A Chicago Society Woman's Affiction-Similar Cases Noted Elsewhere-People Who Talk, Sce and Write Backward.

STRIKING and severe case "mirror speech" has been noted by a brain specialist, says the Chicago Times-Herald. This disorder, which has only just been named, and only recently discovered to be a disease at all, had attacked in its most persistent form a woman in the doctor's clientele.

sentence, just as the order of a series

of objects from right to left is reversed by redection in a mirror. This curious brain trouble is far

The patient is a decidedly well-known

and popular society leader on the south side. She is a nervous and delicate little woman, and has for some years been under the casual care of her physician. During the fall she was stricken with a severe case of brain fever and prostration, from which she had apparently thoroughly recovered at least a month ago. While convalescent her family and immediate prefers that. He then walks serenely They attributed the fault to her weak physical condition. In the course of a few days it grew perceptibly worse, and the physician's attention was called to it. Her speech now became utterly wild and beyond comprehension. She spoke no particular words, but seemed simply to articulate empty and nonconnected syllables. The physician pronounced it to be a case of "mirror speech," an odd affection of the brain, in which there occurs a complete reversal of the order of syllables in a Dispatch.

more prevalent and widespread than is evident to a casual observer. Although there are few cases in which it becomes a persistent malady of some days' duration, it lasts generally but a few hours, sometimes but part of an hour, and most frequently for a few moments, days apart. It is due either to extreme mental exhaustion or undue mental excitement. It always takes the form of the perversion of the syllables of a word. Some minds are particularly more susceptible to it than others, and women rather than men are subject to it. It is a daily recurrence in listening to the ordinary remerks of an extremely tired woman to note how frequently she makes incomprehensible utterances, totally un-

Faith in Human Nature.

It is rather surprising to find right on Park Roy, New York City, a cafe that trusts its customers perfectly. This place has probably 300 regular callers. It is open day and night, and is run on a system of implicit faith in the honesty of man. While not a place strictly high-class, it offers what might be called a very "comfortable" meal, with trimmings before or after. Altogether, it is simply a of the mental malady called plain place for an every-day man, with occasionally a little something extra on the bill of fare equaling anything in the city. This, of course, can be said of hundreds of similar places; but the system of payment is

something novel. The proprietor, a stout German, boasts no cashier, as there is very little cash to take in. On the cigar counter is a day book. The customer comes in, goes to the ice chest in the corner, if he wishes, and takes a quiet nip out of a black bottle. Then he orders what he wants on the bill of fare. It is served up his own indebtedness and puts it opposite his name in the book, including the "nip," or a cigar, if he register good. This sort of child-like simplicity in running a business in the very heart of a city filled with bunkoers, green goods men and gold bricks without number, is said to be a winning venture. The customers invariably settle weekly, Friday and Saturday being pay days, and the proprietor says he has yet to lose a bill through deliberate fraud. A little experience with a man like that is almost enough to renew one's confidence in human nature .- Pittsburg

Human Nature at Weddings.

After all a wedding brings out more human nature than any other function and the comments, cynical and otherwise, that fill a sacred edifice on such occasion would, if collected. prove an attractive form of reading for the happy couple after the honey-

Last Wednesday night while the joyous ceremony was being celebrated it was my pleasure to gather these items of interest to the contracting parties: "Yes, indeed, she is at least two years older than he is, and they say it's her first offer;" this from a simpering spinster.
"He's awfully good-looking and

rich, even if no one knows how he made his money," commented the girl in the ermine tippet. "Wall thay say her fortune isn't

helt as jurge as it is nonnhely sup-

beauty; Noting faults in all your friends, is plain!;

If you have the gift of hearing, list to what is meet; Shut your ears to everything that is not good

If you have the gift of talking, use but pleas-

The Gingerbread Man. But five years old was little Nan When she fell in love with a gingerbread man. She said as she placed him beside her cup,

"I love you enough to eat you up! And then the roguish little miss Devoure their sweetheart with a kiss;
"How nice you are!" said little NanAnd that was the end of the gingerbread

Years passed, and the maid to womanhood grew, And she had of suitors a dozen or two; But she found none as sweet as the ginger-

> The Blossom of Mr Heart, Azure eyes a-twinkle, Amber looks a-curl Silver laugh a-tinkle, Slifning teeth o' pearl; When she is nigh I gaze and sigh I cannot fly The spot: There is no fairer blossom than

Poets sing of beryls. Gems of peerless hue: Could they meet the peril In her eyes of blue. Each captive wight To be her knight With wild delight Would plo

In the dawn o' May Waen her glee grows dimm. On our wedding day, And in my pride I lead my bride May joy betide Her lot;

As to Friends and Enemies.

If you have the gift of seeing, ever look for

ant words; Let your speech be glad and cherry as the songs of birds.
-Emma C. Dowd, in Youth's Companion.

"For he was a regular snap." sighed Nan.

—The Commonwealth.

That sweet Forget-me-not

When the blossoms shimmer

The blossom o' my heart for aye,
My sweet Forget-me-not!
-Samuel M. Peck, in Boston Transcript.

Preserve me from my friend, because I whis-

MOTHERS READ THIS.

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teny, Nausea, Coughs, Cholera Infantum, Teething Children, Cholera Morbus, Unnatural Drains from the Bowels, Pains, Griping, Loss of Appetite, Indigestion and all Discases of the Stomach and Bowels.

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HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

ENGLISH BREAD CRUST FOR FOWB.

Put a cupful of bread crumbs into half a pint of milk, add a clove of garlic or a small onion left whole, a blade of mace, a lump of butter about the size of a pecan nut, pepper and salt. Let the mixture boil until it thickens to the consistency of drawn butter. The onion and mace are removed when it is put into the sauce tureen. It is much daintier and more wholesome than gravy. Cold boiled ham is always served with roast fowl in England, and those who have so eaten it approve highly of the combination.

AN HONEST MEAT STEW.

Real honest meat stew is a delicious dish, but this is one of the best ways to make it. Cut the meat into small dice with a sharp knife and put to stewing gently in a pint of hot water or sweet, not very salty, beef stock. Stew till tender, then put in three tablespoonfuls of diced, cold-boiled potatoes. Stir in quarter of a cup of outter, two tablespoonfuls of flour till it is smooth, one tablespoonful of beef extract, teaspoonful of lemon juice and a teaspoonful of chopped parsley. Stir this evenly into the bubbling stew and season with salt and papper to taste. It's good and you are bound to think so. Toasted bread is nice to eat with it. It is an excellent "hurry-

BAKED BEANS.

No other repetable has so great a oud valt ab tab uens and ientil are

The small, square letter, to soothe the part Of one wire was fretted with discontent,

She was ill and fired; the ber hot day Had worn itself to the merest abred; The last of the light, as it ebbed away. Fell on her patient needle and thread. A shadow came flying across the space Where the fading sunlight filtered through; There was just the gleam of a sweet young

face, And a voice said, "Here is a letter for you." The quick tears blurred in a sudden mist, But she brushed them away, and then she

smiled, smiled,
Anl you should have seen how she kissed
and kis od
The postmark's circlet, like a child. Why, the name brought back the long ago
When she dressed in her best of afternoons.
When she found it a pleasure to sit and sew, And her seams were hemmed to telpping

Poverty, change, and the drudgery Of work that goes on without an end, Had fettered the heart that was light and free, Till she'd almost forgotten she had a

The people at home so seldom write,

Now, here is your letter! The o'd hills break
Beyond these levels flat and green; She thrills to the thrush as his flute notes

wake
In the vesper hush of the woods serone; She sits again in the little church.

And litts her voice in the choir once more Orstoops for a four-leaved clover to search In the grass that ripples up to the door.

It was very little it meant for you-An hour at best when the day was done: But the words you sent rang sweet and true And they carried comfort and cheer to one Who was needing to feel a clasping hand. And to hear the voices she used to hear; And the little letter, the breadth of the land, Was the carrier-dove that brought home

A very interesting suggestion concerning the utility to a tree of the irregular arrangement of the branches | is made by a correspondent of Nature. Watching a large plane tree during a gale, he observed that while one great swaved the opposite way, and although move in unison, or all at once in the same direction. But for the peculiarity in the motion of the branches, escaped uprooting; and he suggests that this kind of balancing serves in general to protect large trees, like oaks and beeches, which have their branches unsymmetrically placed, from being overturned by high winds.

Robert J. Carter struck on Alden's Rock, off the coast of Maine, and to all appearances was a total loss Nautical experts agree I that she would leave her bones there and her owners stripped her and sold the hulk to Charles Bartlett, who bought it for ment of the salts she drafted up Porland Harbor. Bartlett had her to we in. She is worth \$15,900 and has b sides a eargo o 1200 tons of ead, most of which is salable. - Boston Tran-

half of cooked corn beet in the courte of the pot. Mix a tablespoonful of molasses and a quarter of a saltspoon of pepper with one quart of boiling water and pour over the beans. If the liquid and not wholly cover them, and enough boiling water to just cover the beans. Cover the pot slowly all day, being careful to keep the beans just covered with water. They must be moist when done, but not sloppy. If the whole oven is needed at any time, set the beans-pot on the back of the stove until ready to replace it. This quantity will make more than two quarts when done, and what is left over can be used as a salad for luncheon afterward. For those who do not like corn beef or pork, two tablespoonfuls of butter and a heaping teaspoonful of salt can be used instead. At serving time turn out on a flat dish and place the meat in the centre. If the beans have been properly cooked each will be whole, yet all will be tender and have a rich, reddish color. Tomato catchup is a harmonious adjunct to baked beaus,

HOUSEHOLD HINTS. Use milk pudding and stewed fruit

After washing, never wring worsted dress goods. Shake them.

with a brush dipped in salt water. Soak black calico in salt and water before washing, and so prevent its Toilet vinegar, cologne water and

alcohol are good for oily and moist hands. Spirits of turpentine is the thing with which to cleanse and brighten

patent-leather. A dress pattern always makes a nice present, and can be bought in a box

for that purpose.

The dirtiest frying-pan will become clean if scaked five minutes in am-

Moderately strong salt and water

is a cure for catarrhal cold. No receptacle for soiled clothing, even if handsomely decorated, should

be kept in a sleeping apartment. When baking sponge cakes always have a steady oven, and do not open the door for the first twenty minutes. Fresh fish should not be soaked in

water before cooking; this freatment only ruins the flavor and makes it soft. Whiten yellow linen by boiling half an hour in one pound of fine soap melted in one gallon of milk. Then wash in suds, ther in two cold waters,

with a little blueing. If your window glass is lacking in brilliancy clean it with a liquid paste made of alcohol and whitening. A little of this mixture will remove specks, and impart a high luster to the

Electricity can be utilized for table ecoration in wonderful ways. Minintare icebergs, surrounding an electric light, produce a beautiful effect, and lights can be arranged among ferns so that they resemble a cloud of fireflies.

fading.

-Mrs. E. Sangster, in Christian Advocate.

The Balancing of Trees.

limb swayed in one direction, another | monia and water. all the branches were plunging and I taken by the teaspoonful at intervals bending before the blast, they did not

Fortune for \$70.

Several days ago the schooner

viewed from a little distance. But \$70 "on spec." Win land tide floated

him, soon became accustomed to let himself be handled without trying to bite or run away, and to hide himself in my clothes, preferring the back, where it was warmer. Pedro, wild and untamable, if one tried to catch him, withdrew into a corner, and then stretching his paws in front of him, WOMEN MAKING CAPS. his eye glistening and his mouth wide open, hissing, springing at the hand one building and an explosion to occur that came near him, and, if he bit it, in any one department, the shock holding firmly and causing the blood would cause instantaneous upheavals throughout the building, killing or to flow, revealed a resolution that even impressed the young man in my maiming every one in the place. Several hundred people are employed laboratory. I made a cage for the lizards of iron in the factory, including a dozen women. Each and every one of them

wire, open above, and having a large room in my country house into which realizes the danger of their calling, and the sun shone all day on three sides, they exercise the greatest caution in I put them in it. Pierre soon learned performing their work. There are certhe Atlantic, eighty-two miles west of tain rules formulated by the company to leave his cage, to climb up to the the main island of the Hebrides, a which they must obey, and this they windows by some rags I had hung to house belonging to the stone age has are only too glad to do. One is that no them, and passed from one to another, matches, firearms or explosives of any following the sun. In the evening he stone weapons, hammers and axes. kind must be carried on the person. returned to the cage. Pedro, more stupid, tried vainly to get out of the on the island, which is 4000 acres in be worn in the shoes. Wooden pegs prison, and, when I put him on the ledge of a window in the sun, let himself be overtaken by the shade, per-This latter rule was formulated some years ago, after one of the workmen sisted for hours in efforts to get through the glass, and finally went to had stepped on a tiny piece of dynasleep where he had been left. -J. Delmite, the nails of his shoes causing it to explode. The shock caused quite a boeuf, in Appleton's Popular Science

As little finished dynamite is kept

on the ground as possible. Stock is

shipped off as rapidly as it is made

into cartridges, and the burden of

Educating Two Lizards,

My first two lizards had been cap-

tured, one in the Spanish Pyrenees

and the other at Tarn, in France;

wherefore I called them the Spanish

and the French lizards, but afterward

gave them the names of Pedro and

Pierre. I was surprised on the very

first day that I occupied myself with

their education to observe the abso-

lute contrariety of their characters

and dispositions. Pierre, won over at

once by the honeyed dainties I offered

watching it passes on to others.

quantity of the stuff on one of the Monthly. work tables to go off, the shanty was The returns of the output of gold by the Raud (South Africa) mines during There is no need of employing 1896 show a grand total of 2,278,697

ship of the patient, who is unable to asto the correct way to wait and right to left, forming the letters and

River. By these means the commodity then nitro-glycerine comes to the top is shipped through the country and like cream in milk. It is skimmed off sentences backward. In the case of a boy recently noted and carried to another house, where in North Adams, Mass., afflicted with The factory spreads over a mile of it is mixed with the prepared 1aw perverted vision, the malady was permanent. It was impossible to teach Ladies' Home Journal: In the Senate him otherwise. His right hand was the use of the secret session is frequent When the coalition has been effected story in height, and not very securely the result is loose dynamite, looking guided over a line of copy in the and familiar. The Senate rules probuilt. For the most part they look for all the world like brown sugar. It for all the world like the run-down is conveyed fo another building, called cabins of the South and are just the pack house, where it is stuffed into about as handsome. They have one the cartridges. The loose dynamite is modern appliance, however, and that placed in a dampened trough on a is an attachment for depriving light- damp table, and the men fill the long narrow tubes with the stuff, using None of these shanties are very wooden scoops. Great care is taken close to the other. Plenty of open that none of it drops on the floor, as space is a necessity when tens of a happening of that kind might be the

be one of the optic nerve only. frequent, but the first case of genuine ber. There has been an earnest atchronic mirror speech was discovered tempt made to abolish the secret sesonly three months ago by a certain sions of the Senate, but it has been in-Dr. Doyen of Paris. He was the first effectual. These sessions are called

an actual mental disease. The discovery occurred in an operation performed on a young girl twelve of appointments to office and foreign years old, who had been trepanned treaties. It seems to me that it is successfully, to relieve a severe cere- quite as necessary and appropriate bral abscess after inflammation of the that the consultations in the Senate as ear. For some time after the operation aphasis, or inability to express treaties, should be confidential as ideas in spoken language, was persist- that the conference between the Presient. However, gradually as her health dent and his Cabinet, or between the grew better the patient began to utter President and others whom he may sounds, which, although they were consult about the same matters, should uttered clearly and were perfectly articulated, nevertheless were totally incomprehensible. For example, some of her utterances were similar to the

lone-a; kind-un how." She would ejaculate this and simi-

when transposed mean: "Do listen to color.—Boston Journal of Commerce. me; let me alone; how unkind."

This striking abnormality lasted four or five weeks, when the misplaced syllables gradually began to fall into their proper place. No sign of a relapse has since been apparent, and the patient has remained in a state of perwhich had occurred, but none had taken notice of its cause, or analyzed its sy .. ptoms. It remained for the French physician to make "mirror speech" as a disease an established

for light and power.

write from left to right, but only from throw back the bride's veil and other

pressy enough to only the nah. I don't

important matters .- Washington Star-Secret Senate Sessions. Ex-President Harrison says in the

proper manner, but the moment his vide that on a motion made and second hand is released he instantly changes | ed to close the doors on the discussion the pencil to his left hand and com- of any matter, the doors shall be mences to write in the mirror fashion. closed and remain closed during such A peculiar feature of the case is that discussion. So when Executive nomihe has no difficulty in reading the nations or treaties are under considerhandwriting of others, although some ation, the galleries are cleared and the specialists pronounce his malady to doors closed—only Senators and certain necessary officers who are sworn Cases of mirror writing have been to secrecy being allowed in the chamrather to establish the phenomenon as "executive sessions," because they are almost wholly devoted to executive

Oldest Known Insects. The oldest known insects are found following: "En-list do me to; me let in the Devonian rocks of North America. They are referred to the order Neuroptera, and allied to the lar phrases with great emphasis, and Mayflies. In the succeeding epoch, was totally unaware of her incoher- the carboniferous insects make their ency. The inability of her attendant appearance similar to the cockroach, and her friends to understand her the grasshopper, and the beetle. The conversation made her extremely an- moths are also doubtfully represented, gry. She attributed their amazing but no butterflies are known. It is lack of comprehension to stupidity, not difficult to understand why the and tried to awaken their dormant earliest insects should not have been faculties by repeating over and over highly colored. In the Devonian and again with injured vehemence her carboniferous periods there were no flowering plants and no birds. Insects Finally it occurred to one to take are furnished with bright colors for down in writing the syllables and the purpose of protective mimicry. phrases which she uttered. This was Butterflies, for example, which have done, when, by this means, an unu-no weapons of defense like the bees, sual discovery was made which formed are colored to resemble flowers, with the key to the problem. The patient which their lives are chiefly associawas uttering her sentences backward, ted. Birds seek these insects as their as well as changing the order of syl- food, but they often mistake them for he thinks, the tree could not have lables in a word, and always with a flowers and thus pass them over. In striking regularity in misplaced or- the ancient epochs, before birds exder and in form. The apparently isted, it was therefore needless for inmeaningless utterances quoted above, sects to be protected by their bright

Birds Strangely Concealed,

of the under parts of birds and small mammals serves to conceal them from their enemies. At a recent meeting temporary aberration, thousands of of the American Ornithologists' Union ject nearly of the color of the ground, like a potato, is very conspicuous when when the under side is painted white, and gradually snaded into the color of Waste gases from blast furnaces at the upper part, the object disappears Horde, Germany, are to be used in by brending with the ground; the gas enginer, which will drive dynamos whiteness beneath counteracts the effeet of the shadow of the body.

Mr. A. H. Thayer, an artist, believes

he has discovered that the light color

Her youth and its pleasures he all behind; She was thinking bitterly but last night That "out of sight is out of mind." and takes the place of pickles. for bilious dyspepsia. Bamboo furniture can be cleaned